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In re Application of:
Sangar et al.

Serial No.: 09/587,653

Filed: June 5, 2000

For: 3' SEQUENCE OF THE GB VIRUS B
(GBV-B) GENOME

Group Art Unit: 1648

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED OCTOBER 3, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2001 for which the date for response is November 3, 2001.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to January 3, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10019302/GNS.